

The said message was then read the second time and assented to.
On motion of Mr. Ely,

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 11th, 1838.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday.
The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker announced the following message as having been received from the senate on yesterday, by their clerk, viz—

A communication from the Executive, endorsed, "referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates," which was read, and is as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis January 5th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
of the House of Delegates:

In pursuance of the authority vested in us by the General Assembly, we engaged the services of John V. L. McMahon, Esq. as additional counsel, to aid the Attorney General in the defence of a suit pending in the Court of Appeals, between the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Robert Lemmon, one of the auctioneers in the said city, under State authority, wherein the act of the General Assembly regulating sales by public auction was expected to be drawn in question. That suit has recently been argued, but the decision of the court in the case has not, as we are advised, yet been delivered.

The fireproof Magazine which we were authorised by the last General Assembly to have erected, for the safe keeping and preservation of the powder and fixed ammunition belonging to the State, has been built under the superintendence of the Adjutant General, on the south-east corner of the Government House Lot, and we believe, is a substantial and suitable building for the intended purpose.

The Loan, of thirty thousand dollars, which had been authorised for the purchase of a lot of ground and the erection of a new Tobacco Warehouse in the city of Baltimore, was negotiated early last spring by the Commissioner of Loans. Since then the gentlemen who had contracted to superintend the erection of the building have been engaged in that work, and we understand that the warehouse will soon be completed and ready for use.

Under the resolution of March last, relative to repairs, improvements and furniture in several parts of the State House, we appointed Richard W. Gill and Washington G. Tuck, Esquires, superintendants to carry into execution the purposes of the General Assembly. They have had the dome of the State House paint-